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On September 11, the right wing military overthrew the democratically elected Popular Unity (UP) government in Chile. In the process, the military murdered Marxist President Salvador Allende, wounded and killed thousands of people, and put thousands more in jail. The military has imposed a fascist dictatorship on this small South American nation. There is little doubt that the U.S. knew of plans for the coup in advance and assisted either directly or indirectly in this fascist takeover and the setting up of a dictatorship.

WHAT HAPPENED IN CHILE?

Chile, which is located between the Andes Mountains and the Pacific Ocean on the western coast of South America, has a population of 10 million people. Before 1970, Chile was a typical Latin American colony of the U.S. Profits from the rich copper mines of Chile didn't go to the people of Chile, but into the pockets of the U.S. businessmen of Kennecott, Anaconda, and Cerro Corporations. Initially U.S. businessmen invested $10,000,000 in the copper mines - for this they made $3,800,000,000 in profits. Because of exploitation like this 47% of the Chilean people were suffering from malnutrition; people were forced to work for 15 cents an hour, and 1 out of every 4 children was undernourished.

In response to this condition and in an attempt to rid their country of U.S. domination, the Chilean people elected Salvador Allende president in October 1970. A Marxist, Allende, was supported primarily by the workers and peasants. He promised to kick out the U.S. corporations who had been robbing Chile for so long and improve the living conditions for Chile's workers and peasants.

He began putting his program into practice by taking over $1 billion worth of U.S. corporate property. He seized the copper mines, steel, chemical, rubber, auto, communications, and banking institutions. The government began running these corporations so the profits could be put to use by the people of Chile. The new government increased health services by 18%, began distributing a free pint of milk each day to all children. The infant mortality rate was cut in half; workers received raises; over 150,000 units of new housing were put up each year. In addition, the government allowed peasants to seize the land they had been working and allowed the workers to take over their factories.

U.S. SABOTAGES PROGRESS

Of course, not everyone liked what the new Chilean government was doing. Those most upset were rich Chilean businessmen, rich U.S. businessmen, and U.S. and Chilean military officials. The International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. (ITT) offered the CIA more than $1 million to prevent Allende from becoming president. The U.S. cut off all aid and exerted pressure of world-wide financial institutions to deny Chile loans and trade credits. In effect, the U.S. government put up an economic blockade around Chile in an effort to sabotage Allende's economic improvements.

Besides U.S. inspired sabotage, Allende's political and economic opponents in Chile also tried to undermine the economy by paralyzing vital areas such as trucking and medical services. They thought that by ruining the economy they could undercut Allende's popular support.

The U.S. blockade, the sabotage at home, as well as a drop in the international price of copper, hurt Chile's economy - but the workers and peasants wouldn't turn against the government. It was only the rich and more middle class people who opposed Allende. So on June 29 of this year a small group of military men tried to take over the government by force. They were defeated by armed workers and by soldiers who were loyal to Allende.

MILITARY TAKES OVER

Then on September 11, the military attacked the presidential palace and Allende's home. Allende refused to resign and was probably killed fighting to defend his government. The military is now in control. They have set up a fascist dictatorship, rounding up political opponents and putting thousands of them in jail. There are between 3,500 to 15,000 political prisoners in a stadium. Women are being told not to wear pants and men with long hair have been told to get it cut. Political refugees from other countries are being sent home to prison and death.

The extent of U.S. involvement in the coup is not too well known yet, although most knowledgeable people think the U.S. was deeply involved. For sure, the U.S. economic blockade and continued economic and political support to the right wing military forces contributed to the overthrow. There is also speculation that the CIA played an important role in funding Allende's opposition and may have even helped carry out the coup. In its September 24th issue Time magazine reports that one of its correspondents asked some striking truck owners who were eating a big meal, "where does the money (for the meal) come from?" "From the CIA," the truckers answered laughingly."

Whatever the extent of direct U.S. involvement in Chile, it's clear that U.S. foreign policy supports military dictatorships and now U.S. corporations again see Chile as a place to go to rip off the people. Whether it's in Vietnam or Chile the U.S. government and business stand squarely in opposition to the needs and desires of the people.

WORLD WIDE RESPONSE

In response to this anti-democratic move by Chile's right wing there have been world wide protests. In Paris, 30,000 marchers chanted "down with murderers, down with the CIA." In Mexico, Venezuela, Argentina and Peru hundreds of thousands of people have been protesting fascism on their continent. Here in the U.S. progressive and democratic people have been outraged by what happened in Chile and by our government's role in it. Through out the world, progressive people have seen another example of how you can't peacefully improve your country - you must defend your victories with an armed and mobilized population.

We can learn from Chile, the extent that the fascists will go to undermine a peoples' government. In turn, we can also demand that all political prisoners be released in Chile, that the U.S. government does not recognize the military dictatorship in Chile. Also we can learn that we must fight even harder to change the U.S. so that it will be a decent place for us to live and work and that our government will keep its guns out of other countries' internal affairs!

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QUINTANA FAMILY DEMANDS BLUE RIBBON INQUEST

On September 19, 28 people from the West Town Latin Community went down to the deputy coroner's office to demand a blue ribbon investigation of the death of Orlando Quintana. Orlando Quintana, 23, graduate of Northeastern University, Puerto Rican leader and youth organizer was shot to death on July 29th. He was shot by off-duty policeman, Garford Eveland, who had been drinking in the Tower Tavern which was the place of the shooting.

Orlando Quintana's sister is confronting assistant coroner Walsh with other members of the Quintana Defense Committee to demand a Blue Ribbon Investigation into her brothers' murder.

A blue ribbon coroner's jury is a special inquest into a death where community interest is high. The group spoke with James Walsh, assistant to Coroner Andrew Toman. At first, Walsh rejected the idea of a blue ribbon investigation because, "You can't find people to serve on these kinds of things." In response to this the group presented him with a list of six prominent members of the Latin community who had agreed to serve as jurors in the blue ribbon investigation of Quintana's case. The following are the names: Carmelo Rodrigues, Aspira Inc.; Sylvia Fox, Aspira Inc.; Humberto Peralis, La Raza Publications; Samuel Betances, Northeastern University; Beatrice Young, Illinois Commission on Human Relations; Dr. P. Sorra, 2046 W. North Avenue.

Although these members are all well respected people and none were personally acquainted with Orlando, Walsh showed his disrespect for the Latin community by immediately rejecting the list without even looking at it. Walsh continued to reject any suggestions and request for the blue ribbon inquest. This was not surprising to the group since the coroner's office does nothing but rubber stamp the decisions of the police and the States' Attorney's office.

It was not until a member of the group suggested contacting the heads of religious organizations and have them appoint jurors, that Walsh backed down. He agreed to contact Cardinal Cody and other religious heads to see if they would appoint jurors.

The group felt this was a small victory. A small victory because it is still unclear whether Walsh is sincere or whether it was just his way of evading the issue and kill time. But one things is clear, that regardless of what Walsh decides, the Orlando Quintana Defense Committee and concerned members of the Latin Community will not let this issue die until Orlando Quintana's name is cleared.

LA FAMILIA DE QUINTANA DEMANDA BLUE RIBBON INCUESTA

En Setiembre 19, 28 personas de la comunidad Latina del Oeste parte de Chicago fueron a la oficina del Deputy Coroner para demandar una Blue Ribbon investigacion de la merte de Orlando Quintana. Orlando Quintana de 23 anos, graduado de la Universidad Northeastern, líder puerto riqueño y organizador de la juventud fue balaceado a muerte en Julio 29. El fue balaceado por un policia fuera de servicio, de nombre Garford Eveland, quién habia estado bebiendo en la Taverna Tower el cual habia sido lugar de el disparo.

Un jurado del Blue Ribbon es una incuesta especial dentro de la muerte donde el interes de la comunidad es alto. El grupo hablo con James Walsh, asistente a Coroner Andrew Toman. Al principio Walsh rechazó la idea de un Blue Ribbon Investigación, porque? "Ustedes no pueden encontrar gente para servir en esta clase de asuntos." En respuesta a esto el grupo le presento con una lista de seis prominientes miembros de la comunidad Latina quien habiá acordado para servir como jurados en el Blue Ribbon Investigaciones en el caso de Orlando Quintana. Los siguientes son los nombres:

Carmelo Rodriquez	Aspira Inc.
Sylvia Fox	Aspira Inc.
Humberto Peralis	La Raza Publication
Samuel Betances	Northeastern Univer sidad
Beatrice Young	Ill. Comm. On Human Relations
Dr. P. Sorra	Doctor

A pesar de que estos miembros son gente bien respetada y ninguo conociá a Orlando personalmente, Walsh exibó su falta de respeto por la comunidad Latina por Rechazar immediatamente la lista sin ni siguiera tener el honor de mirarla. Walsh continuo rechazando sugestiones y peticiones por el Blue Ribbon incuesta. Esto no habia corprendido al grupo desde que la oficina del Coroner no hace nada, pero sellar las decisiónes de la policiá y la oficina del Abogado del Estado.

No fue hasta que un miembro del grupo sugerió ponerse en contacto con lost cabecillas de organizaciones religiosas y como jurados. Al fin Walsh acepto ponerse en contacto con el Cardinal Cody y otras cabecillas religiosos, para ver si ellos podrian apuntarloa para jurados. El grupo sintió esto como una victoria pequeña porque esto todavia no esta aclarado. Si Walsh es sincero or si esto fué justamente su manera de evadir el caso y dilatar más tiempo.. Pero una cosa esta clara que a pesar de que Walsh decide, El Comite De Defensa De Orlando Quintana y mienbros concerniente de la comunidad Latina no dejara este caso morir asi hasta que el nombre de Orlando Quintana que en paz descanse este claro.

WAUKEGAN COP KILLS BOY, 16

On August 11, Joseph Lee Woods, 16 years old, was shot in the back of the head by Patrolman Edward Dennis of the Waukegan Police Department. Joseph Woods who is from Alabama was visiting his brother in Waukegan. The night he was killed he was on his way home from baby-sitting for one of his brothers.

So far the police version of what happened is unclear and many questions have been left unanswered. Patrolman Dennis claims that he was looking for a burglary suspect and when he saw someone start to run, he ran after him. While he was running, Dennis says, he slipped and fell and his gun went off. The shot killed young Woods. The only witness to the fatal shooting is Dennis' partner, Bruce Repp. Patrolman Repp says he didn't see what happened.

The police have given the Woods family several confusing explanations. In fact, the "official" story that the killing was an "accident" did not even convince the Lake County Coroners Jury, who ordered further investigation into the case. The Woods family and their supporters don't accept the police department's story and are fighting to find out the truth. They have filed a lawsuit against the police department and the city of Waukegan. If anyone has any information on this case or wants to help they should contact the Woods' family lawyer: Cornelius E. Toole, Phone: 939-5565 or 939-5569.

This killing is one more reason why we need community control of the police!

por Orlando

Orlando,
Tu muerto no ha sido en vano
Nosotros
Seguimos luchando
Las Balas del enemigo
Acabaron con tu cuerpo
Pero no terminaron
Con tus nobles pensamientos
Orlando,
Tu muerte no ha sido en vano
Juventud
Tu has inspirado
La Lucha esta comenzando
Y abristes unos pasos
Los Jovenes del barrio
Ellos se Estan preparando
Orlando,
Tu muerte no had sido en vano
Justicia
Se esta tomando
Por cada Orlando que muera
Ya Miles estan naciendo
Y linda la Yesenia
Tu nombre tiene en sus labios
Orlando,
Tu muerte no had sido en vano
El pueblo
Se esta levantando
El pueblo esta demandando
Control de la policia
Que no sigan matando
A mas jovenes del barrio
Orlando,
Tu muerte no ha sido en vano
El Pueblo
Esta despertando

for Orlando

Orlando,
Your death has not been in vain
We will keep on fighting
The bullets of the enemy
Have finished with your body
BUT they could not kill
the noble thoughts you stood for
Orlando,
Your death has not been in vain
Youth you have inspired
The fight has now begun
You've shown the way
The youth of the barrio.
They are preparing
Orlando
Your death has not been in vain
Justice will take place
For every Orlando that dies
Milliones will be born
And pretty is Yesenia
Your name always on her lips
Orlando,
Your death has not been in vain
The people are awakening
The people are demanding
Control of the police
So they won't keep on killing
The youth of the barrio
Orlando,
Your death has not been in vain
The people are awakening

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JEWEL BOYCOTT GAINS STRENGTH

On Wednesday, September 12th, Rising Up Angry held a meeting in Logan Square to tell people about the United Farm Workers, the boycott on Jewel, and why Rising Up Angry supports them both. Farm workers from California and Arizona were present; they spoke and showed a film on the farm workers and their leader, Cesar Chavez.

The next night a group of people showed up at the Jewel on Diversey just west of Milwaukee to begin the boycott. They have been there every night since. The picketers distribute leaflets about the boycott and the situation of the farmworkers, asking people to please not shop at Jewel, to please not buy scab lettuce or grapes anywhere, and to plan their shopping ahead so that they can shop for justice.

After 15 days of picketing (every weekday night beginning at 6, and from 11 to 5 on Saturdays), many people have been on the line. They have turned away, on the average, 15 people each time. That's over 225 people, and the number is growing. Many more people have said they won't shop at Jewel again, and even more promise not to buy lettuce or grapes anywhere.

In addition to the boycott in Logan Square Rising Up Angry has been picketing 8 other Jewel stores around the city on Saturdays, and people are out on the lines in Albany Park on Friday nights.

Jewel is a large store, the largest grocery chain in the Midwest. They made 8.2 million dollars profit in the last 4 month period. They don't have to sell lettuce and grapes to get by, but they have chosen to support the rich growers against the workers in the fields. So Rising Up Angry is asking the working people of Chicago to stand with the workers in the fields and not shop at Jewel.

Rising Up Angry is calling on brothers and sisters from throughout the city to come forward and help in the boycott. We are making plans to extend our help in the boycott to more Jewel stores, and to get people to distribute leaflets to their friends and neighbors, at work and in the neighborhoods.

DON'T PUT IT OFF. IF YOU CAN HELP IN ANY WAY, GET INTO IT. STOP BY THE PICKET LINE . AND FOR SURE DON'T SHOP AT JEWEL OR BUY ANY GRAPES AND LETTUCE.

TOGETHER WE WILL WIN!

Please fill this out and sent it to RUA, Box 3746, Mercahndise Mart, Chicago, 60654, or call the information in to 472-1791, any day 12 to 5.

I want to help on picket lines._____

I want to help distribute leaflets._____

I have free time and want to help any way I can.

_____ days _____ time

Name_____

Address_____

Phone _____

Place of Work, School, Neighborhood_____

_____

Logan Square

don't buy these products

The boycott continues against all Jewel stores and also all products marketed by grape and lettuce growers who refuse to sign contracts with the United Farm Workers Union. At this point, the only way to avoid buying scab-picked iceberg lettuce and table grapes is to not buy any. Following is a list of wines made from scab grapes:

All Gallo wines, including the following subsidiaries: Paisano, Thunderbird, Carlo Rossi, Eden Roc, Red Mountain, Triple Jack, Andre Champagne, Boone's Farm, Spanada, Tyrolia and Ripple.

All Franzia Brothers wines.

The following wines produced by White River Farms: Tavola Red, Winemasters Guild, Roma, Familigia Cribari, J. Pierrot, La Boheme, Cresta Blanca, Mendocino, Garrett, Alta, C.V.C., Virginia Dare, Lodi, La Mesa(marketed by Safeway Supermarkets), Ocean Spray Rose, Vin Glogg, Tres Grande, Cook's Imperial, Roma Reserve, Cribari Reserve, Jeanne d'Arc, Ceremony, Versailles, Saratoga, Guild Blue Ribbon, Saint Mark, Citation and Old San Francisco.

declaracion de conciencia

Como grupo de latinos provenientes de varias organizaciones y diferentes niveles de vida que tenemos una profunda preocupacion por el bienestar de nuestra comunidad, nos hemos comprometido a un ayuno para dramatizar la lucha del UNITED FARM-WORKERS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE contra la JEWEL tea company de Chicago.

JEWEL debe aceptar un acuerdo de vender solamente lechuga y uvas consechadas por la Union de Trabajadores Campesinos (UFWOC). Hemos sido demasiados pacientes. Este boycott de lechugas y uvas en apoyo de nuestros hermanas y hermanos ha llegado al critico momento que nos lleva a empezar este ayuno para mostrar nuestra determinacion y para servir de inspiracion a toda la comunidad a quien servimos a traves de esta coalicion de organizaciones.

Este es un llamado a la solidaridad entre todos los latinos, solidaridad que nos permita encarar todos los problemas criticos de nuestro pueblo. Ha llegado el momento de que todos nosotros demos nuestro completo apoyo a la Union de Campesinos para que, uniendo nuestros esfuerzos y usando todos nuestras recursos, podamos forzar un arreglo con la JEWEL.

Olvidando nuestras diferencias y uniendonos para demostrar nuestra solidaridad seremos mas efectivos en las luchas que son importantes para nuestra comunidad, luchas como el BOYCOTT CONTRA LA JEWEL y la lucha contra elinjusto MODIFIED FLAT GRANT SYSTEM.

Este ayuno es una reafirmacion de nuestra responsabilidad total hacia nuestra comunidad entera. No nos sentaremos a lamentarnos de nuestra situacion. Trabajaremos juntos para reforzar esta neciente coalicion la cual nos ayudara a traer accion unida en los problemas que son importantes a nuestra gente, tales como el BOYCOTT CONTRA JEWEL y la necesidad de las familias en welfare.

declaration of conscience

As a group of Latins, representing various organizations and walks of life, deeply concerned with the welfare of our communities, we have committed ourselves to a fast to dramatize the struggle of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee again against Jewel Tea Company in Chicago.

Jewel must be brought to an agreement to sell only UFWOC lettuce and grapes. We have been patient long enough. This boycott of lettuce and grapes in support of our striking brothers and sisters is at such a crucial point that we have decided to take on their fast to convey our strong determination and serve as our inspiration for all people of our community whom we serve through this coalition of organizations.

This is an appeal for solidarity among Latinos that will help us to deal with the pressing problems of our people. The time has come for all of us to put our whole-hearted support behind the UFWOC by joining our efforts and using our resources to bring Jewel to a settlement.

By putting aside our differences and joining to demonstrate our solidarity we will be more effective in the struggles that are vital for our community such as the UFWOC Boycott and the demands of welfare recipients in the face of the unjust modi-fied flat grant system.

This fast is a reiteration of our total committment to our entire community. We are not just going to sit back and cry about our situation. We are going to work together to strengthen this developing coalition which will help to bring considered action to a head on issues that are crucial to our people such as the UFWOC Boycott against Jewel and the immediate needs of the welfare recipients.

David Samano; Jesus Negrete; Elias Argott; Obed Lopez; Luz Maria Prieto; Omar Nahum Lopez; Patricio Perez; David Cadavid

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Rising Up Angry Legal Program

THREE YEARS OF STRUGGLE AND SERVICE FOR THE PEOPLE OF CHICAGO

On September 23rd, the Rising Up Angry Legal Program held its 3rd Anniversary celebration. Over 350 people came to attend the dinner, speeches and dance. It was a celebration of 3 years of service for the people of Chicago but also and more importantly to celebrate our future and that of the people in the oncoming years.

The Rising Up Angry Legal Program has handled over 2200 cases in the last three years. (Above) People from the Legal Program helped back down a judge who was planning to throw a mother and her 11 children out of their home. (Below) After another victory at 26th & California.

The Legal Program has handled over 2,200 cases in the last 3 years and is now representing 75 people a month in court. When we started the program we had a handful of people and 3 to 4 lawyers who were willing to handle our cases. At this time we were working mainly with gangs and all of the cases we handled were of a criminal nature. We felt people had to have a fighting chance in court and without proper representation this was virtually impossible. The average people don't have the money to afford an attorney. The judicial process has been so subverted since its beginning that it is no longer there to pass an impartial judgment but defends the interest of the rich, powerful and politically affiliated and deprives the people of the very few rights we have left. These contradictions are the basis for why the Legal Program exists.

Over the years we have developed and expanded rapidly. We went from working mainly with gangs and young people to broadening our service to all segments of the community. We are now representing people not only on criminal charges but also housing, civil, labor, divorce, consumer fraud, and military. In short, any dealing people may have with the judicial process.

The Legal Program would like to thank the many small businesses that provided the free food & beer enjoyed by the more than 350 people at the 3rd Anniversary Celebration. Entertainment was provided by Killin' Floor.

We have three legal clinics operating on the north, northwest, and south sides. And we now have over 35 lawyers who are willing and able servants of the people. But more importantly we have brothers and sisters in many neighborhoods across the city who function as legal representatives spreading the word about the legal program and the injustices that go on in the streets and court rooms across the country. The need is clear for people to become organized and unified to fight this monster and turn it around to protect the interest of the working, poor, and oppressed people from the injustices and inhumane treatment they receive at the hands of some funky corporation or fascist and conniving president. We believe this country - our country - has been stolen from us, its people, and turned over to the large corporations and everything has been geared to benefit the RICH and functions in their interest. We also believe just as strongly that the people are tired of being lied to, stepped on, burglar ized, wiretapped, cheated, losing their jobs, losing their vote and losing their rights. The people are beginning to fight back and question the government. Demanding our rights and an end to the injustices. This is why we celebrated on September 23rd in anticipation of the struggles and victories to come.

POWER TO THE LEGAL PROGRAM

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

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Farah Workers On Strike Over A Year

3,500 workers who make Farah pants, almost all Mexican-American (Chicana) women have been on strike against their company, Farah Slacks, for over a year. This long, militant strike is very important for all working people to understand and support.

Farah Slacks is the largest manufacturer of mens and boys pants in the country. The owner, Willie Farah, is a very rich man (his assets total over $80 million). He got rich because for the last 50 years he has been exploiting Chicano workers in his eight plants in Texas and New Mexico.

Clothing workers are the lowest paid industrial workers in Texas. But the 10,000 people who work for Willie Farah make even less than the others. 95% of Farah workers are Chicanos (Mexican-American), and 90% are women (the 5% of the workers who are white are supervisors and foremen). Farah has refused to allow workers to have a union in any of his plants. There is no job security – without cause, Farah can fire anyone he feels isn't producing fast enough, even if that person has been working the same job for 15 years. Any woman who leaves temporarily to have a child must return at beginning wages, no matter how long she worked before. Willie Farah has been able to get away with treating people inhumanly and illegally for so long because work is so scarce for Chicanos in the area, and because he is a rich man with a lot of influence.

But in late 1969, things began to change. Some of the workers in the cutting department of Farah's San Antonio plant decided to improve their own lives by organizing to fight against Willie Farah. They contacted the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America (ACWA) and began a campaign to unionize the plant.

Farah responded immediately. He forbid workers to talk with each other. He demoted or fired anyone caught talking at work. He sent spies with cameras to workers' meetings, and fired those he thought were organizing the union. He fired people who were even sympathetic towards the union. Union cards were seized and destroyed inside the plants.

But despite these illegal actions the cutters managed to collect enough workers signatures (30%) necessary to hold a union election. The election was held in late 1970, and the vote was overwhelmingly for unionization.

Farah, however, refused to negotiate or even recognize the union, and took the election results to court. As one of the fat cats in town he was sure that friendly judges would throw out the election or at least stay the decision indefinately. Meanwhile women in other departments and other plants began organizing for the union, and Farah continued transferring or firing everyone he was suspicious about. Finally, in early 1972, after Farah fired another worker, there was a spontaneous walkout at the San Antonio factory. Workers in the other Farah plants heard about it and walked out too. In all, nearly 4,000 people left their machines and went on strike demanding an end to Farah's plantation-owner treatment and recognition of their union. They have been on strike ever since.

The strike brought considerable hardship. Under Texas law, striking workers are not eligable for welfare or unemployment. The Chicano community was too poor for strikers to borrow any money from friends. The Chamber of Commerces and other businessmen supported Farah and refused to hire strikers, knowing that unionization at Farah would mean trouble for them later. The ACWA provided a little strike money for the workers, but not much. Many strikers, most of whom were mothers, had to leave the state to find jobs or money to support their families.

When the strikers first started organizing picket lines outside the El Paso factory, Farah had them arrested on a century-old Texas law requiring pickets to walk at least 50 feet apart. Police arrested over 800 women, not just from the picket line, but also by breaking into their homes and pulling them out in the middle of the night. The bonds were set outrageously high at $400, $800, and even $4,000. Farah hoped that by stealing what money the women did have, he could kill their spirit.

Instead the strikers set up new picket lines outside all the factories. Farah responded by surrounding the factories with guards armed with police dogs. He put foremen with binoculars in the window to see which workers talked to the strikers as they left work. For the last year the strikers and their supporters have stood up to this continuous intimidation and terror.

And things are beginning to go very badly for Willie Farah. The scabs he has hired are slow and inexperienced. He is so uptight about the union, he has become suspicious of scabs and is firing even them. Strike sympathizers inside the factories who cannot afford to strike have managed to slow down and mess up production.

There is one other large weapon the Chicano workers are using to fight Farah and the police, courts, and businessmen he has working with him – the strikers have called a nationwide boycott of Farah pants. The aim of the boycott is simple. As people stop buying Farah pants, Willie Farah has started losing money. The only way he will begin making money again is when he recognizes the union and the boycott is called off. Already the boycott has been successful. So far, Farah has lost over eleven million dollars.

The success of the Farah strike and boycott are important for a number of reasons. First, the strike must be seen as part of the overall struggle of Chicanos for justice and equality. Ever since Mexicans were conquered by the U.S. (becoming "Mexican-Americans"), Chicanos have been faced with conditions that are among the worst in the country. They have been forced to speak another language, live in terrible housing, and take the worst jobs at the lowest pay. Chicanos are struggling against all aspects of their oppression. So the Farah strike, along with the fight of the United Farm Workers (UFW) for recognition of their union, will be a beginning of union representation for Chicano workers in America. Already, brothers and sisters from other factories in the Southwest are coming to strikers from Farah and the UFW for help in organizing their people. Secondly, it will make Northern factory owners think twice before they lay off thousands of workers in the North to go exploit cheap Chicano labor in the Southwest the way Farah does. And the success of the strike and boycott will show Willie Farah and similar low life creatures that none of us can be pushed around or degraded, and that in spite of all their effort we will make sure that we and our children have decent lives in the future.

We can help the striking Farah workers by refusing to buy Farah pants. The main retailer in Chicago is Weibolts. Because of the boycott, Farah pants are sold under a variety of labels, including:
Club Zu, Shamrock, Cliff Mark, Valu-Slak, Beaumark, Cliff, Par Excellance, Passport, Sec-Par, Allied, Brazer. DON'T BUY ANY OF THEM!

SUPPORT OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS
BOYCOTT FARAH!

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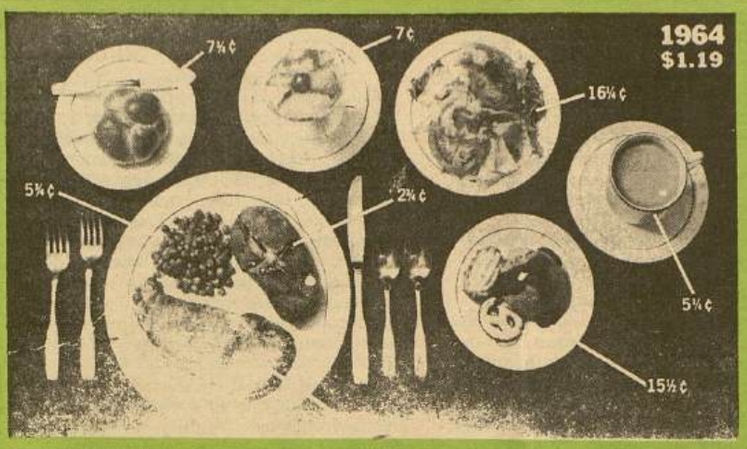
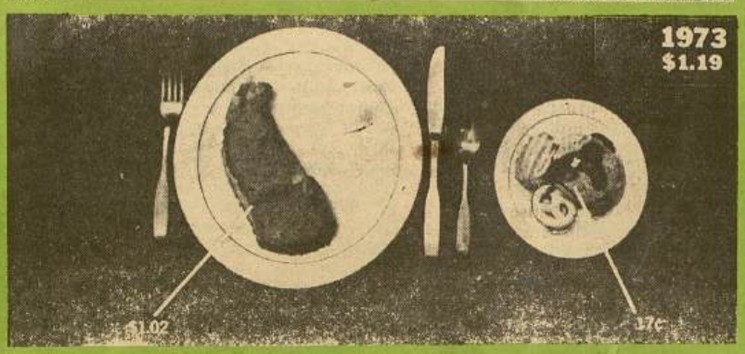
HIGH FOOD PRICES

A Look at the Real Reasons





In August the cost of living rose in Chicago 2.4%, the highest monthly increase in 26 years.

At most food stores the prices are unbearable even for the cheapest cuts of meat: $2.29 lb. for pork chops and $1.29 for cheap hamburger!

Wholesale food spokesmen were predicting in August that a gallon of milk would go up to $1.20 by September 2nd and in many stores milk now costs $1.25 to $1.35 a gallon.

Egg prices are $1 to $1.20 a dozen. Russell J. Hug, Chairman of Ward Baking Co., said on August 15: "If prices keep going up bread could be a dollar a loaf within 130 days!"

At the same time that food prices were rising rapidly, the large supermarket chain stores were recording record profits. In a 16 week period ending on August 18, 1973 Jewel made a profit of $8.2 million, compared with $7.2 million in 1972 during the same 16 week period. These simple facts point out all too clearly that consumers are getting the rotten end of the deal. Let's see why.

FOOD SHORTAGES

Since the beginning of Phase III½ of Nixon's economic policy, the food industry and the press have been talking about a meat shortage.

Indeed, the meat counters have been bare this summer and some supermarkets have been rationing the amount of meat they sell.

It isn't that there is a lack of meat, but large corporate farmers aren't selling their cattle to be slaughtered for meat. When there was a ceiling on meat prices the cattlemen couldn't make a large enough profit to suit them.

Now that Phase III's ceiling has been lifted, there will be no shortages, but the prices will soar. Meanwhile large farmers who have been keeping meat from reaching the counters (some have even gone so far as to slaughter cattle and chickens themselves and letting the meat spoil rather than sell it) will flood the market with expensive meat.

Not only are chain stores and cattlemen making large profits, so are the packing industries. John A. Copeland, a top executive for Swift & Co., located in Chicago, speaking to a group of corporate ranchers said:

> "You fellows are from the wide open spaces. . . These people (in the city) outnumber you badly, and they want the opposite of what you want – they want low prices and you want high prices."

Copeland made these remarks at a ten day program sponsored by Swift to head off a double conflict – with consumers and ranchers.

The ranchers claim that low prices cut down their profit. The meat packing industry claims that high prices force them to buy cattle at too high a price wholesale to allow their profits to increase.

In fact, during the freeze, the meat packers would simply not buy and process meat. They couldn't make enough profit. Meat packers try to buy meat cheaply and then sell it at high prices. If they have to pay high prices for meat then they have to charge even more. This is why the prices are so outrageous.

The meat packers are afraid the consumers will boycott meat. So the meat packers complain about being caught in the middle (meaning they won't be able to match the huge profits of other monopolies).

But it is really us, the consumers, who will suffer during this price war between ranchers, packers and supermarkets.

BLAME IT ON THE WORKERS

The corporate farmers, supermarkets and packers deny that they are the cause of high prices. They blame it on labor costs, on their workers. But workers aren't the cause at all. One example is the Iowa Beef Processors. The company is only ten years old and in 1972 had sales of $1.3 billion and controlled 12.5% of the midwest meat market. Because of high beef prices, Iowa Beef will earn a 32% gain over last year (1971). Yet, the workers there earn only a $3.15 minimum hourly wage for back-breaking work.

At an Iowa Beef plant in Dakota, City, Nebraska a new local of Amalgamated Meatcutters Union struck the company for more pay. The Company surrounded the plant with armed guards and hired scabs to break the strike. The workers finally won an increase in pay, but wages at all eight of Iowa Beef's plants are still getting the lowest wages in the business. Nothing near the 32% increase in profit that Iowa Beef earned.

So the fight for huge profits by the processors are hurting people both as workers and as consumers. Decent wages cut down company profits.

BUYING POLITICIANS

In their never ending search for profits, the large corporations never hesitate to buy off politicians. Sometimes it happens in the form of open lobbying in Washington, when representatives of large corporations put pressure on Congressmen, Senators and Presidents.

Sometimes this "open" form of pressure is turned into recret "deals" – especially during election campaigns.

During Nixon's 1971 election campaign the following happened, for example:

- On March 12, 1971, the Secretary of Agriculture, Martin Hardin, denied the dairy industry's request for higher milk price supports on manufactured milk. (Milk supports are government's subsidies given to large dairy farmers, taken directly out of our tax dollars, even though milk was already selling at high market prices.)
- On March 22, 1971, dairymen poured $10,000 into Republican campaign funds.
- On March 23, 1971, sixteen dairy magnates met with Hardin and Nixon.
- On March 24, 1971, the milk industry gave $25,000 more to Republican finance committees.
- On March 25, 1971, Hardin granted the requested support – price-hike, reversing his previous ruling.

In all, the milk industry gave $400,000 to the Nixon re-election committee in return for price support.

Similar things happened with the meat industry, MacDonald's hamburger chain, soft drink corporations, etc. Nixon has backed the large corporations, at the vast majority of people's expense all along.

From all of this it is clear that high prices aren't the result of beef shortages or grain shortages. The outrageous prices are caused by cattlemen's, supermarket's, meat packers' and politicians greedy drive for increased profits. Of course, increased profits for them means a worse life for the majority of us. This system operates in a way that allows some people to get wealthy while other people can't eat. Only when we restructure the system to be based on the people's needs, will we be able to guarantee everyone good food at reasonable prices.

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In the little over two years since the rebellion at Attica Prison in New York, where 43 people were killed, there have been many revolts in prisons and jails across the nation. Most recently, on September 6, 11 guards were taken hostage at Stateville Prison in Joliet, Illinois. These disturbances have focused public attention on prisons, prisoners, crime and the reasons behind the rebellions. Most people, who have been in prison, have been confused about what the causes are -- militants and lunatics in native-conditioned and informal treatment -- what the cures should be -- more repression or more humane treatment?

To understand what's going on in today's prisons you have to know who the prisoners are and what the purpose of prisons is. The prisoners, inmates, convicts, are first of all human beings. Theoretically they have been sentenced to serve time in prison because they broke society's rules (i.e. committed a crime). In prison they are supposed to be rehabilitated so they can return to society as productive, well-adjusted citizens. So the starting point for understanding the problem and the solution is twofold: (1) prisoners are people, and (2) prisons are for rehabilitation.

The reality of the crime-conviction system does not live up to that theory, though. Because of the double standard of justice in this country -- one for the rich and one for the not so rich -- quite often people who are poor are sent to prison simply because they can't afford a lawyer or a trial. A large percentage of the people in prison did not have a trial -- they just accepted a sentence and pleaded guilty to a lesser crime. This is called "copping a plea."

Besides the fact that many poor people are in prison because they are poor, many poor people are driven to commit crimes in order to survive. With prices skyrocketing, unemployment so high, many people must steal just to feed their family and make ends meet. This is especially true for non-white people whose unemployment rate is double that of whites. Worse conditions and the racism of the police and courts make a disproportionately high number of non-white people prisoners.

These facts, of course, lead us to the conclusion that the majority -- not all, but the majority -- of the people in prison are there because society has made a mistake in not providing enough jobs, enough education, enough money, enough justice to go around. In other words, the crime is committed by those who control the system -- the rich and powerful. Yet, the little guy is sent to prison because of the social conditions he or she is forced to endure.

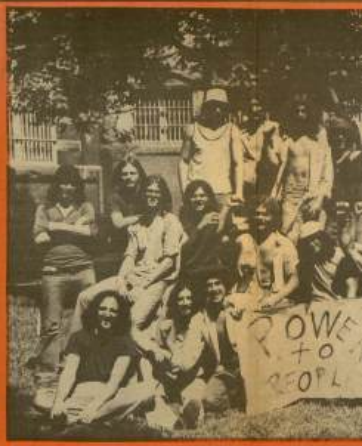
Once this person gets to prison, the prison officials have a responsibility to rehabilitate that person and return him or her to society as a well-adjusted human being. But what is typical for prisons' rehabilitating people? Well, most prison officials would agree that the concept of rehabilitation just isn't practiced in prisons across the country. For instance, at Stateville the 1780 inmates have been on "lockup" since late April. "Lockup" means the prisoners get out of their cells for a shower once a week and for another once a week. There is not even an attempt to rehabilitate the prisoner -- just to keep him caged up. And this is typical for prisons across the nation. In fact, prisons have become cages for punishment rather than institutions of rehabilitation.

Lack of rehabilitation facilities, overcrowding, and a situation where prison officials and guards view prisoners as less than human have stirred prisons into nightmare horror stories where torture and murder by prison officials have become the rule rather than the exception. Prisons do not rehabilitate the inmates, they destroy, maim and kill them both psychologically and physically. Today's prisons make people worse than when they went in. Later.

George Carney, a prisoner at Stateville, recently explained why he was involved in taking hostages there. "... I'm not from the ghetto. I didn't come here from Chicago. I came here from Peoria. In 14 years here I have been beat, stomped, raced and tear gassed by all of these gentlemen you wore with (the prison guards).

"Today I am an animal. I didn't used to be that way, but this prison made me this way. Today I could kill any human being and not feel anything.

"These guards have created such a fervor in me that I do things I never thought of doing before coming to prison. Believe me they are creating monsters who will go back to Chicago and make the place unlivable."



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The above pictured brothers are all from the Concord, New Haven State Prison. In commemoration of the Attica massacre 2 years ago most of these brothers sent a message to their brothers in Attica which said in part: "We know each of those fallen Brothers for some real good guys, the ones that had to wear, the ones who at their miserable wage were driven to unfair offers, and the ones that were so unjustly beaten they dared to strike a blow against the monster.

We know them, because we ... hold side by themselves ... up, our attempts to ... they in the pit, and ...

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SONERS
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George Carney's feelings have been echoed across the country from prisoners in county jails to federal penitentiaries. The brothers at Attica gave the reason for their rebellion: " We are MEN. We are not beasts and we don't intend to be treated or driven as such!" Every prison revolt has been characterized by the underlying demand for humanity – demanding human dignity. This cry has been reflected in the concrete demands for better food, more recreation, less brutality and more rehabilitation. More often than not the response to this plea for humanity has been murder, repression and violence by prison officials.

Since the reason for most people being in prison is the result of the inadequate economic, social and political system of this country, prison and government officials compound the crime by stripping inmates of their humanity. When the inmates object the officials begin to strip prisoners of life itself – either by the bullets at Attica or by more sophisticated and subtle means.

The sophisticated means of taking rebellious prisoners' lives are unthinkable to most citizens. The methods being used by prison officials today remind you of Hitler's Germany or a very gross science fiction plot. But these fascistic plans are being put into effect across the country right now.

In California there is a $3 million proposal that would include psychosurgery for inmates. Psychosurgery means operating on a prisoner's brain to turn him into a vegetable. In 1971, Dr. Walter Freeman, often called the father of lobotomy revealed that he had "severed the frontal lobes" of a number of inmates in California's Atascadero State Prison. In 1972, three prisoners underwent psychosurgery at Vacaville State Prison in California. Another method of destroying prisoners is to send electric shock waves into their heads to kill part of the brain. This is referred to as "burning someone's brains out." Drugs like psychosurgery and prolixin are being used to turn prisoners into robots. All of this is happening today to our fellow human beings in prison. Men are being turned into animals, vegetables and robots for wanting to be treated as humans.

Is it any wonder that prisoners are resorting to any means necessary to get their voices heard – before it's too late? The prisoners are concerned with rehabilitation and humanity – government and prison officials are concerned with control and violence. It is only because of the startling humanity shown by the prisoners that the outbursts have not been more violent. Many more prisoners have been killed or injured in the rebellions than guards or prison officials. That tells us something about who resorts to senseless violence.

Prison reform is long overdue and it's the responsibility of all citizens, whether in prison or not, to demand that prisoners be treated as human beings, that monies be spent on meaningful rehabilitative programs, rather than turning prisoners inside out. We've got to stop the inhumanity of the prison system. We can not afford to forget about our brothers and sisters in prison and have them in the clutches of the violent prison and government officials.

Prison reform is, of course, not a total solution to the problem because the problem is the nature of a system where some people are billionaires while others are starving. One of the strongest and most outspoken prisoners in the country, George Jackson, was murdered by guards at San Quentin Prison in California on August 21, 1971. Before his death he said: " In a well ordered society prisons would not exist as such. If a man is ill he should be placed in a hospital, staffed by the very best technicians. Men should never be separated from women. These places would be surfeited (supplied) with equipment and meaningful programs, even if it means diverting funds from another or even from all other sectors of the economy. It's socially self-destructive to create a monster and loose him upon the world."

Until we can change the system to live up to George Jackson's humane vision we must struggle to help our brothers and sisters maintain their humanity and return to society as full-fledged human beings. The system has been raised, it is up to us to answer that cry with meaningful action to correct the wrongs in the prison system. We must stop the legal murder and rape of humanity that goes on behind the walls of our prisons and jails. Government and prison officials have shown their incompetence and unwillingness to treat prisoners as human beings. Now we must force these so-called public officials to treat prisoners as human beings before it's too late.

We know them, because we are the same. We are ourselves separated people who also yearn for the good things that this life could give, but that the rulers hold only for themselves. And the bullets men love so also, and that is why ATTICA has become more than just another ghastly page. It has become our battle cry, our synonym for courage. When you and your fellow comrades rise up and attack together, black, white, brown and Red, in solidarity unity and hold your fists in the air, and make your voices of Freedom, a continuously ever loud or struggle non stopable."

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WHAT'S GOING ON...

Thanks to **SKI** for putting on the concert at **POWELL PARK**. Over 200 people came and listened to a great band called **CAME.** There was a lot of unity and spirit and everyone had a good time. This is a good example of how we will have to do things for ourselves and do it together, if we want things to get done.

Powell Park, Waukegan

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Also in **WAUKEGAN** the schools have started. Boring as usual. The new addition this year is new police cars patrolling the school. Creates a good environment for learning, huh? But good things manage to happen anyway like **DAVE** and **TERRY** are getting married on October 6. The best for you Dave and Terry from your friends in Waukegan.

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FRANK E. BIRD JR. of Macon, Georgia reports that mechanics practically dismantled a $14,500 car looking for a rattle and finally discovered a ball bearing rolling around loose in a door panel. The bearing was wrapped in a not that read: "Well, you finally found it, didn't you, you rich so-and-so."

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News from Avondale School yard at Sawyer and George: Brother **KENNY WENDT** is back around, after being released from the county jail where he spent 15 days on false charges. Here's how it happened. Kenny spent two weeks in Hayward, Wisconsin on vacation with his girlfriend and her family. While on vacation the police had called his mom telling her Ken was wanted for armed robbery. Kenny returned on August 25th. On the 27th the detective came at 1:30 in the morning, arrested him in his sleep, and handcuffed him, charging him with armed robbery, rape and kidnapping. He was taken to Niles and turned over to the Niles police. After spending the rest of the night in the bull pen, Kenny went to court. He got a continuance and an exorbitant bond of $25,000. When he asked to have the bond lowered, the judge remarked: "You like being a gangster, then you get a gangster bond."

Kenny was sent to the county. The charges stemmed from a woman who identified Kenny from a 4 year old picture in police files. There was no line up and no informing the defendant of his rights. After 15 days in the county jail, he was released after his lawyer demanded a line up and the woman responded that she couldn't identify him.

All this mistake cost Kenneth Wendt 15 days in jail, and money for a lawyer. One more example of injustice against the people.

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Also at Avondale School yard, a birth: **JUDY AND JOE KNOBLOCH** had a baby boy, **KENNETH JOSEPH**, 7 lb. 13 oz., 21 inches, brown hair, blue eyes, born Sept. 12 at 3:51 PM.

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Amazingly enough, there is good news from of all places the army. According to the Associated Press, "For the eighth consecutive month, the volunteer Army fell short of its recruiting goals, the Pentagon said Tuesday in a report on August tallies. Figures for August showed the Army attracted only 48% of the men it said were needed for combat arms jobs in the infantry, artillery or armored branches." Let's keep up the good work and keep these figures falling, guys. After all, an army with no soldiers is no army at all. What if they gave a war and nobody came.

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A few weeks ago, on a Sunday afternoon, people that live around **HORNER PARK** were waiting for their friends to get back from the lake when two policemen drove up. Right away, the police got out, frisked everyone, pushed some people and bad mouthed everyone. One guy got uptight and ran. The cops chased him, beat him with their night sticks and busted him. The cops then told everyone that the reason they came there was because someone earlier in the day had thrown a brick through the captain's squad car window. While the two cops were talking, a guy walking down the street came over to find out what was happening. The cops were busting the people for disorderly conduct so they busted him too.

Everyone from the neighborhood got up the bond money within a couple of hours and they got everyone out. As one brother said, when he hears about cops getting their car windows broken, it probably is lucky for the cops considering the way they treat most people, it could be worse.

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The Kilbourn Park Gaylords are getting things together, talking about a collective bail fund for the brothers in the park. **ROGER RANGEL** recently of Ft. Sheridan and now out of the service, is back again with his brothers. He's glad to be out of the service, and everyone is glad he's back.

Kilbourn Park Gaylords

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SPORTS

Anyone out there still thinking the **CUBS** will take it this year? Maybe they they're saving themselves for next year.

BILLIE JEAN KING beats **BOBBY RIGGS** in the big tennis match held on Thursday, Sept. 20th. For awhile now Riggs has put down women saying women can't do anything better than a man or even equal to a man. But little did he know. Billie Jean proved his theory wrong when she beat him in three sets 6 to 4, 6 to 3, and 6 to 3. Right on Sister. Too bad you had to prove this at such a circus. But we dug it anyway.

At this time, **HANK AARON** has 712 homeruns. He needs 3 more to break Babe Ruth's all time career record. We wish him luck.

Congratulations to **MUHAMMED ALI** for his recent victory.

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MARRIAGES

Congratulations to **REY VALADEZ** and **CAMILLE MARICHS** on your marriage. Camille and Rey who are from **LAWNDALE PARK** were married on August 18th. More congratulations to **SUZY** and **LORRY** who were married on Sept. 2nd. From your friends and neighbors from **LINCOLN AND PAULINA**, best wishes to **BOB GRAF** and **GAIL ARNSTADT** who are getting married on October 6th. Congratulations to **LAURA AND JIM WARD**. They were married on Sept. 1, 1973. More congratulations to **DONNA ROBA AND ALBERT WINCLER** on their getting married - from their friends at **39th & SACRAMENTO**.

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LANE TECH HIGH SCHOOL at Western and Addison is big, with about 6,000 students in attendance. It has some very fine sisters and brothers from all over going there. It also has a set of rules that show that the administration has very little respect for the minds of the students, and very little understanding of life in the city.

Take for example the new tardy rules. Last year the rules were not enforced very thoroughly, but this year the administration is starting out with a heavy get tough policy. If you're tardy one time, you spend one period of discipline after school. A few more and your parents are called; a few more after that and your parents have to come in. (What if they work? What if you work after school? What if you couldn't sleep the night before? what if . . . .?) The administration, including the principal Silber and head disciplinarian Pauley don't seem to care.

At a meeting of the student advisory board which is composed of 4 people from each class (except freshmen - they have no say), the board recommended that the new tardy rules were too severe. Pauley disregarded the recommendation, which gives you ahint of what the administration thinks of "advice" from students, even those elected to a board that the administration set up to make things look good.

The rules list is long. Check out a few of them. "Minor violations" include student upon the grass, crossing the street at other than designated places, riding a bicycle on campus grounds (from Addison to Jewel, from Western to behind the stadium), eating on campus, using teachers entrance, and freshmen eating off campus without letter from parents. "Violations to be handled by student court" include: failure to stop when requested by a hall guard: entering a locker during a period without a pass signed by an assistance principal or an E.D., no student identification card on student when requested by either teacher or hall guard, entering the parking lot without a pass signed by Pauley. And some of the "major infractions" which require seeing Pauley and often result in suspension: smoking anywhere on school ground, walking out of class without permission, refusing to show I.D. to either hall guard or teacher and more.

Brothers & Sisters at Lane Tech

Everyone knows we need rules to help things run smoothly. But rules should be in the interests of the students. We can't learn in a prison like atmosphere. The whole manner in which the rules are made up and handed down and enforced reminds people of exactly that. The administration chooses the hall guards. Some of the people chosen have had a tendency to think they're cops and use their position to get heavy with other people, like don't be on the grass, don't smoke, etc. The hall guards know damn well that these things are ridiculous and that they break rules themselves.

But maybe the administration's attempt

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to divide the strudents, by pitting one group (the hall guards) against a lot of others will back fire. A lot of the hall guards are hip, and don't want to act like junior cops. In fact, the hall guards are in a good position to help build unity and understanding among the students, which would sure be a good thing at Lane, a good thing for the people.

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Happy Birthday to **PATTY SUSSMAN** who's from **ROOSEVELT**. It's from her friend Barbara and from Patty - Birthday greetings to her friend **BARBARA TIMMINGS** who just turned 17. More birthday greetings to **CHERYL BELLAK** who turned 14 on Sept. 10th, **TOM PAUHL** who is now 15 and **TIM MARKOWICZ** who turned 17 on Sept 15th. And greetings to **NANCY FRANICH**, a sister from **BRIDGEPORT** who turned 21 on Sept. 12 and **JACK NELSON** a brother from **LOGAN SQUARE** - now 18 as of Sept. 24th. More birthday wishes to **DON NIELSEN**, a brother from **ALBANY PARK** who turned 21 on Sept. 19th and **BERNIE KOCIAN** from **ARCHER & CICERO** who is now 24 as of Sept. 16th.

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People from Linne School

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KATHY, a sister who works at the **FREE PEOPLE'S HEALTH CENTER** has a job at a brokerage firm in the Loop. When she got pregnant, she and her old man were really happy about it . . . . until they found out that you really have to pay to have a kid in the U.S.!

She had been paying for medical insurance and found out that her policy (Blue Cross - Blue Shield) covered almost nothing. For her paying $100 over a six month period, she would get only $180 worth of coverage of her doctor's bill when she has the baby.

She will get no money for a maternity leave. She was told that since childbirth is not an illness (instead it's a pleasure) that Blue Cross - Blue Shield will not cover it. Blue Cross - Blue Shield only covers illness, they say.

The company where Kathy works is delighted to let her work until her 9th month but doesn't want to help her have the baby. There is a recent court ruling that says a company has to give a woman a maternity leave but most companies are either fighting it or ignoring it.

Kathy's comment: "They're trying to take the rights women have won (having children more easily, maternity leaves, working to the 9th month) and turn them against us. We all have to get together to fight things like this. It's our kids' future they're trying to take away."

We are sad to hear that **ARTHUR ORTEGA** from **SUPERIOR & ASHLAND** died when he was down in Texas. To make matters worse his family can't get his body out of the hospital until they pay $1,000. Friends are helping to raise the money so the Ortegas can bury Arthur properly. If you want to help contact;: Mary Atiles, 1627 W. Superior, Chicago, Phone: 421-2344.

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Brothers from the Spanish Lords

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On Sept. 21st, 1973, some of the bosses at Replogle Globes Corp. (1901 N. Naragannset) brought a basket of grapes into the lunch room while the workers were having lunch. They told everyone that they could eat as many grapes as they wanted. But some of the workers started talking about the **GRAPE BOYCOTT** and the **UNITED FARM WORKERS** so no one ate any. The bosses got mad as usual. Right on to the workers! Through our unity, we will all be stronger and scab grapes taste rotten anyway.

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A sister who works at Fish and Chips (who gave us this information) needs her job so we can't print her name. She says Dominicks Food Store chain owns Fish and Chips. They got a deal going where fish that is cooked at Fish and Chips but isn't sold is then recooked, packed and sold at Dominicks. She says the fish is old and it could cause food poisoning. Power to you sis for looking out for the people. Good Food Is A Human Right!

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More than 10,000 marched for economic justice sponsored by PUSH, UAW, VFW, and others on September 8th.

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We would like to welcome back **TONY SKIBOWSKI** from his two months away in basic training for the National Guard. We mean his friends at Mozart School yard. It's also good to have brother We mean his friends at **MOZART SCHOOL** yard. It's also good to have brother **JIMMY MACK** back again. Jimmy is from **LAWNDALE PARK** and has not been around because he was in the hospital.

Congratulations to **MRS. CYNTHIA AND HARRY WILLIS** from **BRIDGEPORT**. They recently had a beautiful baby which they named **KELLY**.

AND THAT'S WHAT'S GOING ON!

FORMER MENTAL PATIENTS ORGANIZE TO SERVE THE PEOPLE

We are the Committee of Us and Homecoming, Inc. of Uptown. We are former men mental patients organized to serve our people and to fight our common problems. Both groups have begun a joint fund-raising drive, to raise money for their programs.

The Committee operates a Coffee House at 4613 Sheridan Road run by and for ex-patients. Our walk-in office at 4608 Sheridan is also staffed by former patients. We offer food, clothing, welfare advice and at the Coffee House, coffee for a nickel a cup. We also move on grievances that our members may have about the community and its agencies.

Homecoming, Inc. is a non-profit group of people building an alternative to the transient hotels, and half-way houses that have been our only options to live in after we leave a hospital. Homecoming will be a collectively run, aternative half-way house, built, staffed and resided in by formerly hospitalized people. We've been getting a lot of support from people in our efforts to secure a building and furnishings but we need more support.

It's really beautiful to see an ex-patient relate to a brother diagnosed as hopeless.

It's beautiful to see people of all ages, cultures and races join together, for all of us must deal with the mental health system and being poor every day.

Nationally, mental patients are wanting a controlling voice in the agencies that serve them. Uptown people are leaders in this movement.

We have been secluded, tranked, electro-shocked and stigmatized but that won't stop our survival or our work. Our voices are being heeded, as people understand who who's really crazy in this country and as people do realize that anyone and everyone should have access to responsive social services.

Visit the Coffee House and support our upcoming benefit:

The Eleventh St. Theatre is producing a benefit performance of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" for the Committee of Us and Homecoming on Sunday, October 28 at 7 PM.

For tickets at $5.00, call 275-7997. Every ticket sale is a help. For more information contact

Committee of Us	275 - 7997
or	
Homecoming Inc.	327 - 9648

Letter From A Sister

Dear R.U.A.

This letter is to all the brothers who haven't gotten the message yet:

There has been a lot of talk about women's lib, and everyone agrees that women should have equal pay, equal job opportunities, etc. But some of you are still treating us like dirt.

You may not know this but we don't enjoy walking down the street and being honked at, having dirty remarks made to us, and being generally treated like sluts. We would appreciate some respect.

So the next time you see someone who turns you on, keep your cat calls and insults to yourself, we don't want to hear them.

UNITY FOR BROTHERS AND SISTERS
ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

A Sister

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WAVE RESIGNS FROM NAVY

SISTER ANDREA

On August 15, 1973, Andrea Sternberg, a 20 year old enlisted woman served notice to her commanding officer that she was resigning from her position as corpswave at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital because of unfair working conditions.

The next day she sent her commanding officer the following letter:

> "I, Andrea D. Sternberg, 081-42-3586, submit to the Admiral of the Portsmouth Naval Hospital the following reasons for my resignation from the United States Navy:
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> 1) Unreasonably long hours with no overtime pay;
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> 2) No equal opportunity for women (limitation to only three wards);
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> 3) Late evening hours in high-risk neighborhood with no provided protections;
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> 4) No night time differential pay;
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> 5) Extensive socio-economic class distinction between officers and enlisted personnel;
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> 6) Abusive attitude of high pay grade personnel toward low pay grade personnel;
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> 7) Extremely small percentage of non-white officers;
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> 8) Military attitude of using its personnel for the benefit of big business rather than for our country's protection;
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> 9) Military attitude of using its personnel as strikebreakers and scabs (i.e., extensive use of scab lettuce and grapes during the United Farm Workers boycott);
>
> 10) And finally, numerous examples of personal humiliation among my enlisted sisters and brothers.
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> Respectfully,
> 081-42-3586

This letter began one of the most important periods in Andrea's life. The story actually begins much earlier:

"In 1972 I married a corpsman in the Navy. I was really bored by the life of a housewife so I decided to go to college for nursing. This was really too expensive for me to handle, so I later quit school.

"I used to visit my husband while he worked in the emergency room. I saw him learning and applying his skills every day to help people in need. I thought as a navy corpswoman I could learn skills for myself and help sick and injured people, so I enlisted in the navy.

"Seven months later, after going through basic training and hospital corps school at Great Lakes Naval Training Center, I was assigned to the female dependant ward at Portsmouth Naval Hospital, Va. I wasn't al lowed to learn very much or apply many of the things I had already learned.

"Little by little it became clear to me that because of the oppressive conditions in the military my idealistic dreams of a useful and rewarding career were impossible to accomplish. I decided that the only thing left for me was to get out of the navy. At first I was just going to walk away and not come back, but when I was talking to a friend from the United Farm Workers about it, she suggested that I put it in writing. So I did. I tried to include all the reasons why I felt the navy was an oppressive organization and why not only I, but everyone, should try to get out or not join in the first place.

"I tried to deliver the letter to my commanding officer, Admiral Arentzen but I wasn't allowed to see him. Then I tried the Executive Officer, then the Administrative Officer. They wouldn't let me see any of them. Finally I gave the letter to a chief and told him to see that someone got it. To be sure, I mailed copies to the Admiral, The Chief of Military Personnel, and the charge nurse on my floor.

"When I got back home I decided to run off a news release for distribution to the newspapers. It was late by then so we sent them off in the morning. We were a little surprised to find the whole story on the front page of the newspapers that afternoon. I was then forced to live as a fugitive, not telling anyone where I lived, not answering the phone, and staying out of sight. Reporters were everywhere and the slightest hint would bring them and the shore patrol running and I would be arrested.

"Then the Navy did an unusual thing. It sent me a letter ordering me to return. The letter said that my absence "may constitute a violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice."

"Not becuase of this letter, but because it was obvious that the Navy wasn't going to let me out and because I wanted to continue the struggle, I turned myself in. I took with me as witnesses about 15 members of The Defense Committee, a Norfolk G.I. organization. The hospital had also promised to recommend me for a discharge in front of two witnesses. Later they denied having said this.

"Anyway, I finally wound up in Lt. Cmdr. Despiegler's office. He told me I could choose my duty section and where I worked in the hospital if I would just put on my uniform and return to work. I agreed to do this only until I received my discharge. I chose to work in Pediatrics (children's) clinic because no corpswave had ever been allowed to work there before.

"Two days later I went to Admiral's Mast, a military procedure for the punishment of petty offenses. I received a sentence of $100 a month fine for two months, a cut in rank, and ten days extra duty.

"I was angry and felt that I had been treated unfairly. I asked to see my lawyer because I wanted to appeal the decision. Despiegler seemed upset and went to see the Admiral. About a half hour later he came back and asked me how I'd like a discharge. When he said 'honorable' I said "sure". Five or six hours later I received my honorable discharge from the navy. My discharge says at the bottom: 'This certificate is awarded as a testimonial of honest and faithful service.' This is true! The only honest and faithful way to serve in an oppressed military is to refuse to serve at all."

Andrea resigned from the Navy because of the unfair conditions imposed on her as a hospital worker. Because of her determined stand, the support she received from the Defense Committee, Norfolk Action Research on the Military, and the Tidewater Africans (a black G.I. organization), and because of the extensive press coverage of her case, the hospital command was forced to accept her resignation. This was a clear and total victory for Andrea and for the people.

The following is an open letter from H.A. Andrea Sternberg to all enlisted people and to all workers:

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I have won just a small personal victory in the struggle of oppressed enlisted personnel in the military. The next step to be taken for improvement of working conditions is for the rest of you to get together and organize. Call a meeting, draw up a reasonable list of grievances, present these to your commanding officer. Figure out in advance what you will do if these demands are not met.

Remember that we are workers, just like civilian workers all over the world. We have the right to be treated like other human beings. You gain power thru unity and with power you cannot be stepped on or ignored.

POWER THROUGH UNITY!

Sincerely,
HA Andrea Sternberg
(Resigned)

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REVOLT AT FT. BRAGG

On Sunday, July 22, at about 6:30 PM, a power failure at Fort Bragg (North Carolina) sparked an uprising by about 2,000 GI's. The revolt lasted well into the night until a storm drove the brothers inside.

The revolt started when electricity went out on base. GI's poured out of their barracks yelling, singing and shouting. They brought out flares, firecrackers, and artillery simulators. The brass called out 200 MPs to calm the situation down. This action sparked several trash fires. When the MPs arrived the GI's hit them with bottles and bricks and took wire and built barricades to keep the MP's away. So the MP's left. Then firetrucks came, but they were forced to leave too.

Both black and white GI's were involved - they weren't fighting each other. They joined together to fight the brass. When General Kroesen, the commander of the 82nd Airborne, came to try to quiet the GI's down, the reasons for the revolt became clear. GI's laid out their complaints: lousy food, rotten working conditions, too many parachute jumps, constant saluting of officers. Of course, the general ignored all of the complaints. At about 11:30 PM a severe thunderstorm drove everybody inside.

The problems are still there and the GI's are still angry - not just at Fort Bragg, but at military installations around the world. The uprising at Fort Bragg is only one more in a series of GI rebellions around the world and another indication that U.S. citizens will no longer tolerate the oppression of the U.S. military.

Travis A.F. Base

ANOTHER GI QUITS

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have been in the Air Force for 2½ years. Since the day I first stepped into uniform I have been subjected to brain washing and unjust treatment.

The United States Air Force claims to be an equal opportunity employer but time after time I have seen and have been subjected to unnecessary harassment.

In June of 1971 I received an Article 15 and was fined for missing one (1) day of work when at the same time, two other airmen received nothing for missing two and three days of work.

Also in June of 1972 I again received the same punishment for the same thing.

I have just returned from 8 days AWOL and I do not have any desires to stay in the U.S. Air Force.

The prejudice in the Air Force is outrageous. I have always been taught to respect my fellow man for who he is not by his color, the Air Force teaches a different way.

I do not wish to be a part of an organization which partakes in racism like the Air Force.

In my two years on Travis I have been treated as a peon and an illiterate dummy by my superiors. I am to respect my superiors at all times, well I neither will nor want to because in order to respect someone I also must be respected and in the Air Force I am not.

I will resort to any means to get out of the Air Force, I hope that I don't have to carry it too far and that this big harassment will soon end.

I am now pending action for my 8 days AWOL and I realize I will loose a stripe or two, once I loose one I have no further need for the others and will not care one way or another if I lose all.

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LARRY F. HARRINGTON, Sgt, USAF
553-84-9329
60th Aerial Port

RAPE AND THE CITY COUNCIL

On Friday afternoon, September 14, three women were bodily thrown out of a city council committee hearing called by Alderman Pucinski. The special hearing was called to discuss rape, why so few women report rapes, and why there are so few rape convictions. Pucinski had proposed an all women's investigative unit to help solve all of these problems. The hearings went for two days and each day there were from 30 to 50 women interested in rape prevention there to participate. It soon became obvious to all of us that the 12 aldermen on this committee did not really care about rape and the situation women face in their homes and on the streets of Chicago. Instead we were witnessing a circus with Pucinski as ring master.

On Thursday women who have been working to fight rape here in Chicago were invited to speak. Also two rape victims had the courage to testify. But while these women were talking the aldermen could be seen swiveling around in their chairs and some were buzzing from one table to the next making small talk. It was insulting to see how few committee people were listening. When the hearings continued after the lunch break only three comitteemen and none of the press bothered to return.

Friday, a policewoman, Lt. Tucker, who heads a women's rape investigative team in New York was scheduled to speak first. She was obviously seen as one of the main attractions. The press was waiting for her in full strength. It was announced that she was going to be late. Since we, Chicago Women Against Rape (a group organized by the Y.W.C.A. to educate people about the sickness of rape in this country) were scheduled to speak after her, we asked Alderman Pucinski if we could have five minutes now while people were waiting. We were told no and that we had to keep to the day's schedule and

YWCA representative Cheyrl Sanders, who was one of three sisters thrown out of the City Council

she was first. We asked several times but each time were refused. Lt. Tucker finally showed up 45 minutes late. Her talk went til after one o'clock at which time people were getting tired and restless. Although Pucinski announced there would be no lunch break, as soon as Lt. Tucker finished, all but one alderman got up and left. We were next to speak. Several women had taken a leave of absence from work and all of us were anxious to be heard by city officials. Here was our opportunity and there was one man left, the chairman of the committee and some of the press.

The next group was called to speak but to our surprise it was not our name but the Chicago Crime Commission. Although no one had bothered to tell us, apparently last minute informal arrangements had been made to let this unscheduled speaker go before us. Several in our group could stand this degrading farce no longer. Women stood up and called the hearings out of order. We were next and we were determined to be heard. Because we refused to be passed over and let the hearings continue, three of our women were evicted from the meeting. One of them was pulled out by her hair. The policeman who evicted her told her he would like to knock all her teeth out. One of the women who was evicted was the scheduled speaker from the Y.W.C.A., Cheyrl Sanders.

In those two days we all learned something about our city council. We learned how aldermen can use a dead serious subject such as rape to try and further their own political careers. We went as concerned citizens seeking help in solving the problem of rape. But we soon learned we had knocked on the wrong door.

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2nd ANNUAL ALBANY PARK PEOPLE'S PICNIC

On September 16th, the 2nd Annual Albany Park People's Picnic was held at Labagh Woods on Foster and Cicero.

The picnic was a good example of the people's spirit. It was cloudy and drizzling all day and 2 of the 3 bands cancelled, and still over 200 beautiful brothers and sisters showed up to listen to Overland Blues Band, who played for almost 4 hours.

There was also a small feast, with 1,000 hot dogs and hamburgers and a lot of potato salad and Kool-Aid.

We would like to thank all of the people who came to the picnic, because they are the ones who made it a success. We would especially like to thank the many people who worked on the picnic, the sisters from the Fritzi Engelstein Free Clinic who set up the first aid tent, the brothers from the band who did a dynamite set, and all of the people who donated or made the food. Lack of space prevents us from mentioning the names of all of the people who helped. Already we are starting to think of new ways to make the 3rd annual picnic an even better time.

OUR STRENGTH, OUR SPIRIT, AND OUR BEAUTY ARE THE GREATEST TOOLS WE HAVE TO BUILD A NEW AND BETTER WORLD

PAULINA AND LINCOLN BLOCK PARTY

On Sunday, September 9, the First Annual Paulina and Lincoln Block Party was held. It was the first Peoples event on Paulina Street, and it was a big success.

We'd like to thank all the people in the neighborhood who helped. Especially the older people who cooked food and the younger people who set up decorations and cleaned up when it was over.

There was plenty of good food, games and prizes for the kids. The music was provided by Euphoria Blimpworks.

It was good to see the people get out and have fun together, some who hadn't talked to each other in ten years.

Toward the end of the block party there was a fight. Some of the people put their personal feelings ahead of their love and respect for the people. We know this is going to happen from time to time, until conditions improve in this country.

Thanks to the following stores who contributed to the block party:

Magnavox, Paulina Meats, High Quality Meats, Meyers, Wieboldts, City Sounds, Karil Agan Uniforms, Kotz Shoes, Fox and Fox, Sure Save Drugs, Franks Shoes, Big Ben, Kogens, Stella's Restaurant, Rexx Rugs, Wallen Fine, Wishing Well, Dinkels, Gigi Discount, Orval Kent, Peerless Candies, Imperial Bakers, The Bread Shop, O'Connors and Goldberg Mothers' Inn, Economical Liquors, The Old Mill, and Starr Currency.

LOVE, RESPECT AND ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

FREE HEALTH CARE

The Fritzi Englestein Free People's Health Center at 2747 N. Wilton Avenue is a Rising Up Angry Program. The Clinic provides free medical care mainly in the clinic's neighborhood (due to limited facilities). When patients cannot be treated at the Clinic, we send patient advocates with them to other medical institutions to make sure they get good care. The Clinic is open on

Tuesday nights, 6 to 9 p.m.
Wednesday nights, 6 to 9

For Information call 348-8578 during the clinic hours.

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North-2744 N. Lincoln
472-1791
Wednesday nights, 7 to 9

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588-8735
Tuesday nights, 7 to 9

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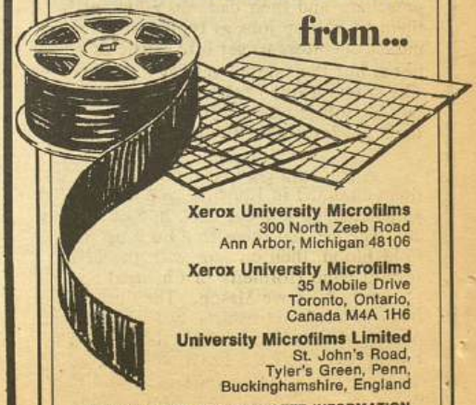

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KILLIN' FLOOR

MIK, LARRY, MIKE

CHUCK

Killin' Floor is a Chicago band, a southwest Chicago band. Made up of Mik, Mike, Chuck and Larry, the former Kelly High School students are currently working jobs, going to school, and making lots of music for lots of people.

Recently, Killin' Floor and the hard working people who help them out put on a fine concert-dance at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 59th and California. Over 200 people from the community turned out, including sisters and brothers from Archer Heights, Garfield Ridge, McKinley Park, Brighton Park, Kelly H.S., Hubbard H.S., Lawrence St. Rita's, Lords, and Queen of Peace.

When the police came because there was a crowd on the sidewalk, everyone was cool and unified, calmly going back in side for the next set, expressing their unity with a power to the people cheer.

The band talked to the people about many things, from boycotting grapes, lettuce and Gallo wines, to cooling out the use of sopors, quaaludes, methaqualone, and more more. In a leaflet that they distributed to everyone they said: "These drugs destroy brain cells and are extremely addictive. We love you all and respect you all or we wouldn't preach to you like this. Downers are bad news. They make us ugly and stupid if we do them long enough. LET YOUR MIND SHINE ON BRIGHTLY LET YOUR BODY STAY FREE. WE NEED YOU FOR THE FUTURE, WE NEED EACH OTHER FOR THE FUTURE NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS WE WILL BE READY FOR IT."

When it was over, the people cheered and went home with high spirits and energy. And Killin' Floor set down to work the next week for a performance at St. Xavier College, and then to play for all the fine people at the Rising Up Angry Legal Program 3rd Anniversary Celebration. Killin' Floor is good news!

PEOPLE'S MUSIC

POINTER SISTERS

Some people may have gotten hip to the Pointer Sisters early, when they were backing up people and groups like Boz Scaggs, Grace Slick, the Tower of Power, Dave Mason, Sylvester and the Hot Band, sister Esther Phillips, the Hoodoo Rhythm Devils, Dr. Hook and Taj Mahal. Or maybe you caught them performing with Chicago recently right here in Chicago. But if you missed them before, you probably won't now, because their new hit YES WE CAN is sweeping the country, and its heavy collective message to the people is too important to miss. Before we lay out as many of the words as we can, here's a bit of background information.

The Pointer Sisters are Ruth, Anita, June and Bonnie, out of Oakland, California, also the national headquarters of the Black Panther Party. Their parents are both preachers, and their dad was reluctant for them to give up jobs as typists and key punch operators to get into music as a livelihood, but their mom was for it if they were. The sisters learned to sing in church, but felt the music was restricting, not letting them get into other things.

A trip to a gig that didn't happen left them stranded in Houston, and they called an emergency number back in San Francisco. The call led them to a back up job for Cold Blood, then on tour with the Elvin Bishop Band (formerly of Chicago) and Europe with Dave Mason. They used to perform in jeans and t-shirts, but when Mason requested they wear dresses they ended up buying out "half the thrift shops in Oakland." They describe their dress and their music as "collective" and together they certainly do a beautiful job on all their fine, fun music, a combination of 40's jazz, scat singing (singing syllables, not words), rock and roll, gospel and rhythm and blues. All of us can dig and get into YES WE CAN CAN.

Now's the time for all good men
To get together with one another
We got to iron out our problems
Iron out our Quarrels
And try to live as brothers.

And try to find peace within
Without stepping on one another
And do respect the women of the world
Remember you all had mothers
We got to make this land a better land
Than the world in which we live.

And we got to help each man
Be a better Man
With the kindness that we give

(CHORUS)
I know we can make it
I know that we can
I know darn well
We can work it out
Yes we can
We know we can can
Yes we can can
Why can't we
If we want to
Yes we can can
I know we can make it work
I know we can make it if we try
Yes we can
We know we can can
Yes we can can
Why can't we if we want to
Yes we can can
I know we can make it work
I know we can make it if we try
Yes we can
I know we can
Yes we can
Great gosh almight
Oh yes we can can
I know we can can.

Well, we got to take care of all the children
The little children of the world
Cause they're our strongest hope
For the future
The little bitty boys and girls

(More Chorus, including)
Sometimes it's hard
Yes, we can, . . .
Don't you know we can
Yes we can can
Where there's a will
There's got to be a way

(And More More)

ANN ARBOR B&J FEST

This year's Ann Arbor Blues and Jazz Festival, the Third Annual held at Otis Spann Memorial Field in Ann Arbor, Michigan, was again a fine success. The promoters, Rainbow Multi-Media, succeeded in bringing together some of the finest blues and jazz artists in the land. Some of the performers were John Lee Hooker, Ray Charles, Otis Rush, and Sun Ra.

The large crowds were mellow, with relatively few downers which was nice. It wasn't at all like some of the giant festivals where the promoters care nothing for the people but their money, where the people get so high that they lost all respect for themselves. The Rainbow people made sure there were sanitary facilities, food concessions, child care, and medical facilities. Rising Up Angry was invited to set up a booth which gave us the opportunity to meet and talk with many Michigan and Indiana brothers and sisters who had heard of our work and had questions to ask.

It was a fine weekend of music, unity and good times, a good way to start the fall. Congratulations to all those people who participated to make it happen.

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Rising up Angry Funnies

KEEP ON KEEPIN' ON
I THINK HE'S FAIR AND KIND AND GENEROUS
WHAT MAKES YOU SAY A DUMB THING LIKE DAT?
MADISON STAR
I SURE THINK DAT DALEY IS A GOOD MAYOR
MADISON STAR
DALEY'S GIVING A SPEECH HERE TODAY
MADISON STAR
WHAT'S DA GOLDEN RULE?
WHOEVER HAS DA GOLD MAKES DA RULES
MADISON STAR
A FEW MINUTES LATER
SO, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT LAW+ORDER WE MUST ALWAYS REMEMBER DA GOLDEN RULE
AND WE MUST ALL LIVE BY DA GOLDEN RULE
MADISON STAR
FEAR
MADISON STAR

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